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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A reticle storing movable rack system consisting essentially of comprising:
- a plurality of flat tracks fixedly secured to a floor, each of said flat tracks being grounded,
- a plurality of storage units, each of said storage units comprising a plurality of racks having wheels adapted to be moved along flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks, each of said racks being electrically grounded when said rack wheels contact said flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks, and
- an operator engageable drive assist mechanism to move said racks,
- wherein each of said racks comprises a plurality of shelves with plurality of cells for housing reticles therein, said cells having electrostatic shielding properties, said electrostatic shielding properties being secured by making said cells metallic and electrically connecting them to said racks by placing said cells on each of said plurality of shelves.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

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Claim 3 (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein, with the purpose of imparting antiseismic properties to the system, said shelves are made with a slope directed inside said racks.

Claim 4. (Original) The system according to claim 3, wherein said slope is about 8°.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said racks are made double-sided.

Claim 6. (Currently amended) A reticle storing movable rack system comprising:

- a plurality of flat tracks fixedly secured to a floor, each of said flat tracks being grounded,
- a plurality of storage units, each of said storage units comprising a plurality of racks having wheels adapted to be moved along flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks, and
- an operator engageable drive assist mechanism to move said racks,
- wherein each of said racks comprises shelves with plurality of cells for housing reticles therein,
- wherein, with the purpose of imparting antiseismic properties to the system, said shelves are made with a slope directed inside said racks, and
- wherein each of said racks is electrically grounded when said rack wheels contact said flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks and said cells have electrostatic shielding properties.

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Claim 7 (Original) The system according to claim 6, wherein said slope is about 8°.

Claim 8 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 6, wherein said racks are made double-sided.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 6, wherein said electrostatic shielding properties are secured by making said cells metallic and electrically connecting them to said racks by placing said cells on said racks.

Claim 11 (Currently amended) A reticle storing movable rack system comprising:

- a plurality of flat tracks fixedly secured to a floor, each of said flat tracks being grounded,
- a plurality of storage units, each of said storage units comprising a plurality of racks having wheels adapted to be moved along flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks, and
- an operator engageable drive assist mechanism to move said racks,
- wherein each of said racks comprises shelves with plurality of cells for housing reticles therein, said shelves being made with a slope directed inside said racks and said cells having electrostatic shielding properties, said electrostatic shielding properties are secured by making said cells metallic, electrically joining connecting said metallic cells to said racks by placing said cells on said shelves, and electrically grounding

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said rack when said rack wheels contact said flat tracks of said plurality of flat tracks.

Claim 12 (Cancelled)

Claim 13 (Original) The system according to claim 11, wherein said slope is about 8 .

Claim 14 (Previously presented) The system according to claim 11, wherein said racks are made double-sided.